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August 15, 2005

U.S. District Court District of Massachusetts United States Courthouse One Courthouse Way, Ste 2300 Boston, MA 02210-3002

MDL 1586
In re: Mutual Funds Investment
Litigation
Your civil no 1:05-10804 COE
Our civil no. 05-2220
Brian Reaves v MFS Series Trust I, et al

Dear clerk:

I am enclosing a certified copy of the Transfer Order from the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation filed on August 12, 2005, in this court transferring the above entitled case to the District of Maryland.

Pursuant to footnote 8 of the Panel's order partially suspending Rule 1.6(a) for this litigation, please forward only the docket sheet for each transferred action.

Sincerely,

Felicia C. Cannon, Clerk

By: **J Lewis**Deputy Clerk

cc: Judge J. Frederick Motz
Judicial Panel on Multi-district Litigation

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IN RE MUTUAL FUNDS INVESTMENT LITIGATION

Dean Delaventura v. Columbus Acorn Trust, et al., D. Massachusetts, C.A. No. 1:05-10793 $\sqrt{5} - 2211$ Brian Reaves v. MFS Series Trust I, et al., D. Massachusetts, C.A. No. 1:05-10804 $\sqrt{5} - 2220$ Adam Press v. Putnam Investment Funds, et al., D. Massachusetts, C.A. No. 1:05-10923 $\sqrt{5} - 2221$

BEFORE WM. TERRELL HODGES, CHAIRMAN, JOHN F. KEENAN, D. LOWELL JENSEN, J. FREDERICK MOTZ,* ROBERT L. MILLER, JR., KATHRYN H. VRATIL AND DAVID R. HANSEN, JUDGES OF THE PANEL

TRANSFER ORDER

Presently before the Panel is a motion by plaintiffs in these actions, pursuant to Rule 7.4, R.P.J.P.M.L., 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), to vacate the Panel's orders conditionally transferring the actions to the District of Maryland for inclusion in the Section 1407 proceedings occurring there in this docket. Defendants favor inclusion of these actions in MDL-1586 proceedings.

On the basis of the papers filed and hearing session held, the Panel finds that these actions share sufficient questions of fact with actions in this litigation previously transferred to the District of Maryland. Transfer of the actions to that district for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings occurring there will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of this litigation. Plaintiffs' still pending motions to remand to state court can be presented to and decided by the transferee judges. See, e.g., In re Ivy, 901 F.2d 7 (2d Cir. 1990); In re Prudential Insurance Company of America Sales Practices Litigation, 170 F.Supp.2d 1346, 1347-48 (J.P.M.L. 2001). The Panel further finds that transfer of these actions is appropriate for reasons expressed by the Panel in its original order directing centralization in this docket. In that order, the Panel held that the District of Maryland was a proper Section 1407 forum for actions arising out of allegations of market timing and/or late trading in the mutual fund industry. See In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation, 310 F.Supp.2d 1359 (J.P.M.L. 2004).

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^{*} Judge Motz took no part in the decision of this matter.

¹ The motion for remand in *Delaventura* was recently denied.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, these actions are transferred, to the District of Maryland and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable J. Fredericks Motz, Andre M. Davis, and Catherine C. Blake for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings occurring there in this docket.

FOR THE PANEL:

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